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AND

**PENDINE, . .**

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## PREFACE.

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It has been felt for years that the noted holiday resorts, Laugharne and Pwllheli, were not so widely known as they should be, and that a Guide was necessary for the benefit of visitors and others. I do not profess to have done justice to the subject, but under the circumstances this pamphlet may be of advantage as a preliminary to a more perfect one in the near future.

I am indebted for a considerable amount of information contained in it to Mr. S. Jones, Manchester College, who, from his essay on "The Scenery of Pwllheli," and to the late Miss Owsen, from her "Antiquities of Laugharne and Neighbourhood."

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## INTRODUCTION.

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One of the most conservative little towns in these Isles, perhaps, would be Laugharne. Certainly it is in many things. Its interests are watched by jealous eyes. No outsider may intrude, not even England's Parliament sometimes.

There is no large city—no great industrial centre. The traveller does not find the name on his railway map; he passes by four miles away without dreaming of its existence.

Nevertheless, its people are scattered over the Globe—here their cradle rocked to the music of sea. Since, they have gone forth into the world to fill their places, and in the Summer they come again to spend the quiet holiday—"Far from the maddening crowd's ignoble strife."

The publication of this interesting "Guide to Laugharne and Pendine" will undoubtedly find a large circulation among the numerous tourists who frequent the district. I know of no book at present before the public that gives any information other than "The Antiquities of Laugharne, &c.," by the late Miss Curtis. That book is of immense size, and the price is beyond the means of the ordinary purchaser. Besides, it is not meant to be a guide, but a collection of facts and customs, legend and tradition, together with a little history. It should be read at one's leisure—not in the midst of a hasty spin thro' the country on a short holiday.

Both the visitor and the inhabitant will welcome the careful and kind endeavour made by Mr. David to furnish this much-needed handbook. I say "endeavour" because I feel confident that he will be conscious he has not exhausted all that can be said for historic Laugharne and picturesque Pendine.

SAMUEL JONES.

Llanbwke, April, 1904.

## GUIDE TO LAUGHARNE AND PENDINE.

**A**S holiday resorts, there is not the slightest doubt but that these two places will compare favourably with any others in the Kingdom. This may seem a bold assertion to the unacquainted. An inspection and a trial, though, would convince the most sceptical on that point.

The question that naturally suggests itself is—What are the essentials of a holiday resort?

Laugharne and Pendine cannot boast of many—if any—large and magnificent buildings. There are not many mansions wherein dwell royal and other aristocratic families of high rank. There are not many paved or flagged walks along well-set streets, neither are the streets that be illuminated with electric light or even gas. They cannot boast either of museums, art galleries, or zoological gardens; yet they are, as stated, be classed as holiday resorts in the very first rank. Those mentioned above, which are not to be found in these two places, are not, in our opinion, the essentials of holiday resorts.

In Laugharne and Pendine Nature is displayed in all its grandeur and beauty. The hand of Providence is plainly visible through the beautiful scenery and romantic views which adorn the whole neighbourhood.

There are, of course, several well-constructed villas, occupied by most highly respectable and well-to-do families. There are a few streets made by the hand of man as best they could under existing circumstances, which are fairly well lighted during the winter evenings. But it is not the artificial that makes Laugharne and Pendine appear as they do, but their natural position, and this man cannot improve upon. They are not large cities, nor even what are generally termed ordinary-sized towns, but two country villages, with a population of about two thousand souls.

Laugharne, it may be mentioned here, has its charter, and is commonly known as the "Township and Corporation of Laugharne"; but taking its size and inhabitants into consideration, there are many unchartered country villages larger than it,

so that it is not its size that claims for it a high place as a holiday resort, but its picturesque views (as well as those of Pendine), their beautiful hills and dales, their natural scenery of different kinds, where artists of no mean standing have many and many a time entirely lost themselves whilst gazing on the beautiful and sublime appearance of everything around them.

Added to all this is the continually fresh, invigorating, and health-giving air, and the pure sea breezes, unpoluted by town refuse and ash-heaps, or by sulphuric and acidical smoke (arising from works of different kinds), which is undoubtedly injurious to health.

Laugharne and Pendine are sufficiently far away to prevent any of these disturbing their purity of air or water, which has its source in rocks close at hand, and, therefore, above suspicion. Geographically, they are not situated near any large city, nor are there one or more railways running through, with their bustle and hurry of a busy commercial life, but are situated as if placed by Nature with an object of giving the holiday-maker the advantage of a spot wherein to soothe his brain after the mental strain of town life; away out of the sound of whistling engines, of running trams, and flying cabs and omnibuses; away in the quietude from the worry of commercial life, where he can, to his heart's content, inhale freely the pure country air, further purified by the vast sea which is visible, and thoroughly enjoy the beauties of Nature in its best form. Not only are these the essentials of a holiday resort, and adaptable to the busy commercial fraternity, but are of equal importance to—not more so—the invalid and infirm, to whom quietness, coupled with the other advantages, are of vital importance. Families with young children will also find that Laugharne and Pendine are unequalled as holiday resorts, there being any number of beautiful country walks, where flowers and fruits are plentiful, also seaside walks (of which we shall have more to say later on) and sands, especially at Pendine, where young and old can, without the slightest danger, enjoy themselves to their heart's content. Pendine Sands are generally acknowledged to be second to none in the world, there being many miles without the remotest sign of mud or pools.

To those who have not already visited Laugharne and Pendine, and who intend seeking a holiday, we can confidently recommend these two noted places as first-class holiday resorts.

As the sunny days and glorious evenings come round one year after another, the tired workers—mentally and physically—of our large towns and crowded villages commence dreaming of green trees and pretty flowers, lonely walks and pleasant drives, and to sigh for the annual brief of respite from the monotonous grind of toil.

"Where shall I spend my holiday?" is a question often asked. An answer to this question is not at all easy to find, as so much depends on the holiday-seeker's own predilections and the means at his disposal.

Happily for the denizens of our overcrowded cities and towns, Laugharne and Pendine may confidently be mentioned as the very places for worn and jaded spirits to rest and recuperate.

The township of Laugharne is small, but fairly compact, and has a population of a little over a thousand souls.

Pendine is also a small village, divided into two parts—"Upper Pendine" and "Lower Pendine"—with a population of about two hundred inhabitants.

Their smallness is certainly an advantage for rest and enjoyment. Geographically, they lay to the west of Carmarthen Town, Pendine being at the extremity of Carmarthen Bay.

The nearest railway station is St. Clears, on the Great Western Railway, which is distant about four miles from Laugharne and eight miles from Pendine. Drakes ply daily at intervals from the railway station, and a more pleasant drive than that from St. Clears, through Laugharne, to Pendine cannot be imagined. The railway station being rather the other side of St. Clears from Laugharne, the drive is right through the former place, crossing the T&F at the western end, after which there is a beautiful run of country road, running parallel with the T&F for some distance, but on a considerably higher level.

Visible *en route* on the left are the farms and extensive land of Pantwin, Treceny, Plogget, Llanillo-Abercwin, Morrhach, &c., and on the right are Mowland, the whole of the common land of the Laugharne Corporation, Criswell, Hall-down, Riviton, &c. Milton Bank, the beautiful seat of Mr. and Mrs. M. Smith, is passed soon before reaching Laugharne. From Milton Bank an exceedingly pleasant view of the ancient town is visible.

From Laugharne to Pendine the drive is much better still, the roads being better, and the scenery more interesting. The route thither is through the village of Broadway, where the ruins of the once-noted Roch Castle are to be seen. A little further on is the Broadway mansion, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Broadwood.

From that point above Kinggoddle there is a beautiful view of Laugharne Marsh, with its extensive farms; Colgan Quarries, as well as the burrows and the sea, stretching out as far as the eye can see. Many travellers have been known to halt at this spot, and especially artists, to get a view of the grand scenery in front of them.

Proceeding, the village of Brook and the Llanmiloe Mansion are passed (of which we shall have more to say later on), reaching the fascinating village of Pendine in a little under two hours from the Railway Station.

This route to Pendine is called the "New Road," the old one being by New Mill and Three Lords.

That road takes a westwardly point from St. Clears Bridge, and although being a shorter run than the one through Laugharne, it is by no means so well to travel, owing chiefly to the many hills there are to traverse, and is, therefore, seldom if ever used by visitors.

For cyclists the old road is an exceptionally heavy one, whereas the new one, especially from Laugharne down, is quite the reverse, and cannot very well be beaten.

Another means of reaching Laugharne, for travellers from up the country, is to leave the train at Ferryside, cross the ferry to Llanstephan, walk—or take a conveyance—a distance of about three miles, and cross another ferry into the ancient town.

The walk from Llanstephan to the "Scar," where the ferry-boat is taken, is through a beautiful and invigorating country.

The stranger might fancy on reading these lines that Laugharne and Pendine are out-of-the-way places, as the saying is; and it is possible that on arriving there the first impression may be a dreary one. The visitor may imagine that there is no communication with the outside world, but a day spent there will entirely remove that impression.



"Cedraw" states that "in 1851 Laugharne was the second market town in Carmarthenshire, and a seaport where a considerable traffic was carried on." It cannot, however, boast of being in that position to-day; still, though, as previously stated, it is quiet, and thus adaptable as a holiday resort. It must not be thought that there is no communication with the outside world. Both Laugharne and Pendine have their daily influx of papers, which are eagerly read by an intelligent people, who are thoroughly up-to-date in all public matters of importance.

"Malin," who was in Laugharne in 1903, says that "it is one of the best built towns in Carmarthenshire." However that may be, both places are a type of cleanliness and thrift, which is an important item to holiday-seekers.

This is more and more becoming known every day. A holiday spent there once almost invariably means a return visit the following year.

A kinder-hearted and more intelligent people cannot be found, and the accommodation for visitors is, under the circumstances, really good. Lodgings are plentiful, and at reasonable prices. Apartments may be obtained at the hotels and inns, as well as in private houses, to suit all classes. Of course the prices would vary according to the means and requirements of the visitor.

One thing is certain, that wherever apartments are obtained, cleanliness and civility may be relied upon. The best of all kinds of food, including fresh fish, cockles, &c., is obtainable at moderate charges.

In addition to the hotels and inns, there are plenty of butchers, bakers, fishmongers, grocers, &c., all of whom cater admirably, so that there is no scarcity of the best provisions at all.

Bathing facilities are excellent, especially so at Pendine, where there are many miles of solid sand without the slightest danger of mud or pool, there being, roughly speaking, about seven miles of these sands where bathing might be indulged in with safety. The child here, provided it does not go out of its depth, is equally as safe as the adult whilst bathing.

There is, in this respect an important drawback: there are no bathing machines. The writer remembers one or two there some years ago, but for some reason or other they have been discontinued.

This is to be deplored, as not only would a few bathing machines financially rescue the little sailing, but it would also add immensely to the attraction of the places, in addition to their advantage from a moral point of view.

Nature, though, as well as having provided such excellent water, seems to be "making up" for the absence of bathing machines by providing several little caves in the rocks, which are utilized for undressing and dressing purposes. These are highly appreciated by the visitors.

A few families accustomed to visit these places have made it a practice the last year or two of bringing with them a "living van," which they fix up the burrows or on the cliffs, as the case may be, one family in particular bringing a "living van," which was stored several winters at Great Hill with Mr J. Henry Thomas. Both these plans are admirable ones, especially if apartments should happen to be scarce.

There are at both places historical Parish Churches, of which we shall have more to say in a future article.

There are also in Langthorne a Congregational, a Calvinistic Methodist, and a Wesleyan Chapel; and at Penelton a Calvinistic Methodist Chapel and a Moravian Chapel. There is also a Baptist Chapel midway between the two places.

There is a Post Office at each place, under proper and efficient control, where the officials are noted for their attention and courtesy.

Martin once prophesied:—

Kilwicks was, Carnarthen is, and Langthorne will be  
The greatest city of the flow.

Whether that prophecy will ever be fulfilled or not is a matter of conjecture. However, Langthorne is different to many places of ten times its size and population, and can boast of being a corporate town.

A stranger, on arriving there, might feel his curiosity excited as to the gentleness of this, and not without some amount of justification. It may, therefore, be of interest to give here a copy of its charter, which is as follows:—

*Translation of the Charter of the Burgesses of Langthorne.*

To all faithful Christians to whom this present Writing shall come,  
Goda be known, the manner, whereby eternal salvation is to be had.  
Let all men know that we have granted to our beloved and faithful burgesses

and, with justice, and every one of our impressions, all  
 customs which the language of Custom has used and

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in the year of 1800  
of Tallackham by

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responding  
to the deed.

and all other public affairs.

One of these charities is that of Mathew W.  
to be expended on twelve penny loaves, to be d  
the Parish Church.

And here is that of Cornwallis, dated Decemb

The next is that of Elizabeth Foster, dat  
of an annual income of £4 6s. 8d

1. 1888 Morgan's Charity, which consists of  
£ 120. per annum, to be applied in buying "ladies' pins"

widows or old maids

being the organ blower, and the repairs of the organ

Hopkins' Charity consisted of

William Langhorne's Charity, dated Jan.

December in each year.

Another cave near Salmon Point is also called "The

on one occasion, it is said, preached to a heathen people.

A little further on are the remains of a British man-of-war.

so purpose of saving eastern ailments.

Tradition has it that the Drakts also worshipped at this  
gave a long way to prove the Druidic-ness of it.

When the tide is out the tourist may go round the Point  
wet the sands, and suddenly find himself, contemplating the  
natural scenes even of this western coast.

We hear of the architectural skill of the sea, how it has

the Moravian Chapel, the altar

years since  
The sea has

"How sure to stand when landed is  
On the bare cliff, and mark the seam  
For the quiver's danger neither the sand  
But from such soil how sure to feel secure."

Approach the tower on the east side of the long line of  
settlement and a barrier against Welsh rap-  
pach. Since the ruins may now be traced, and the  
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which is distant from the  
towards the sea on

occasional  
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and recruit it with the needed strength for the coming

It is the custom with a large number of visitors in the place for bathing purposes, &c

This is done for several reasons. As a rule, especially prefer, or stated to seek accommodation at Lougharne.

Another reason is that, as drive to and from one place to

at Lougharne with a view of (a) obtaining to being able to visit

around Lougharne is second to none in the Kingdom

One of these is starting from Victoria Street up through the "Long Lane," passing the Parish Church and the pretty residence of Miss Brayshaw, on the left. A

junction of roads, one going through Duxbury town and the the Toll river between Lougharne and St. Clears.

This is an excellent walk on a hot summer's day, the birds, the bleating of the lambs, &c.



it also enjoy them  
while sweet I

My  
Mr J. R. John  
From here  
pretty

In contrast with that are the beautiful ones

Should there be  
world be across  
the fields,

abundant and all one  
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leads through U  
at the time, &  
at times, as the  
as a thirsty man

Following is

About 100 yards from the farm stands the hut

ay may be probably seen in and

dedicated to St Margaret Marston, daughter

discovered in the churchyard, which was

bearing the following inscription:—

Rest of Margaret Marston, daughter of Richard  
March. R. 1501

caption of the late Thomas Jones  
rector, Thomas Jones, 1822.

to tradition, has an interesting history.

The inscription on the stone is so much effaced  
cannot be read. It is assumed, though, it has been  
been associated with this church, and, if so, it was  
here for the last fourteen hundred years.

The Ogam character of the stone takes us back to  
seventh century. It is well known that the Ogam character  
peculiar to the Celtic people  
introduced by the Celts, &  
Bretons. History :

south-eastern part of England, and had driven the Celts  
westward before them.

The Ogam stone is a standing proof of the early  
Christian Church among us.

Leaving Llanmawr, the tourist may proceed

which is called "The Lull Stone." Where it had its  
not known, but it probably dates back to the pre-  
period, and Christianized afterwards. It is sometimes  
"The Resting Stone," owing it is thought, to the fact  
in later years all funerals passing that way would place the  
on the stone for a rest.

now, however, through the kindness of Mr

for her danger of its being damaged. It is visited and seen

Returning from Llanmawr, Laugharne may be reached

on, or by Llanmawr and through Broadway La

The road is narrow  
and is flanked with ferns

its entrance is flanked with ferns  
covered with primroses

Guiding along through

The walk or excursion  
which may be  
immediate

scenery from

other side of the river, which is pretty

distance

camp.

above is a cluster of trees on the  
a farmhouse and outhouse. P.  
it encloses the homestead of Benton  
Farms, as well as others who

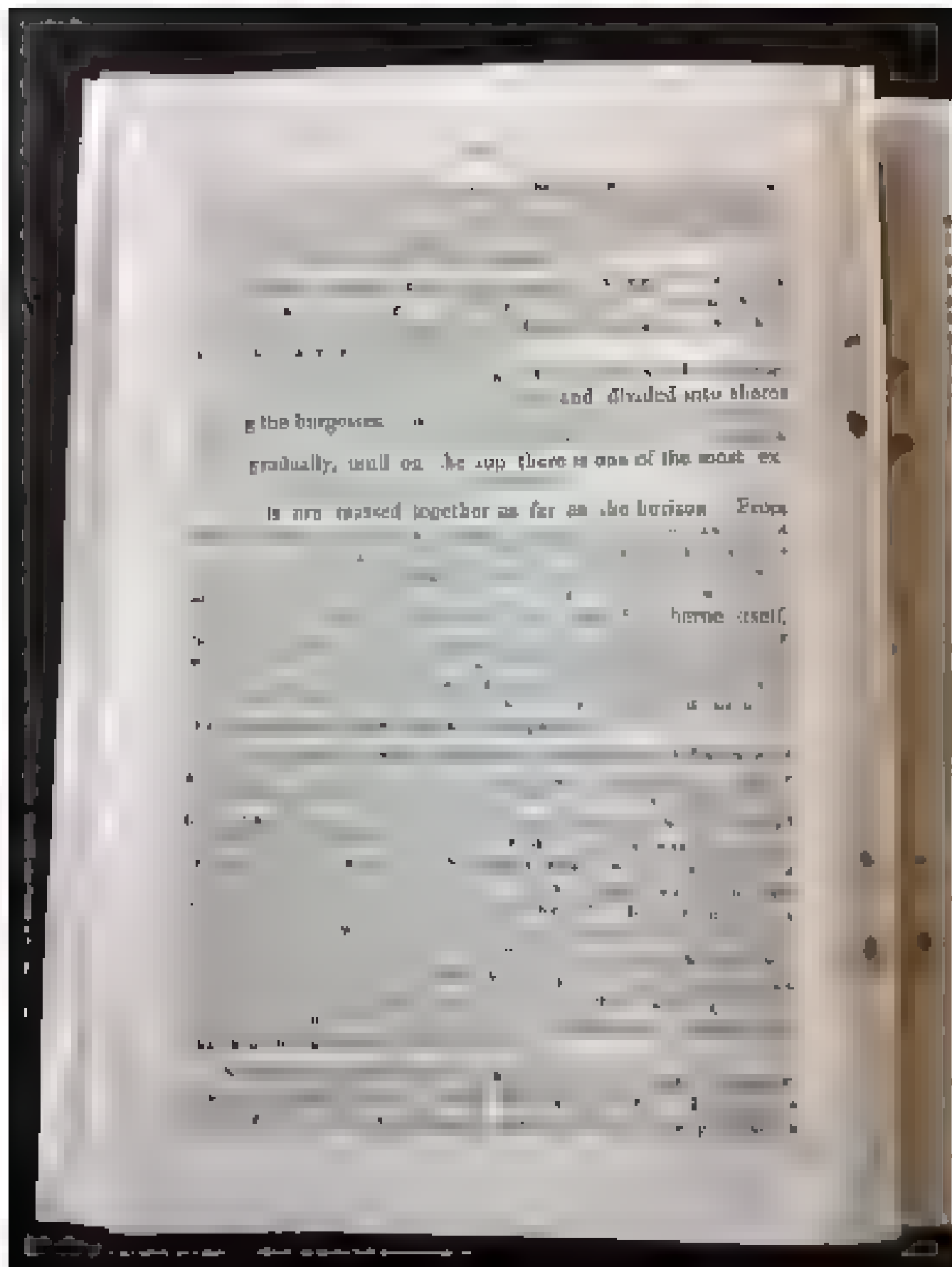
headlands stretch out into the  
showing the variety of tints these are  
of coast daisies—pink, perhaps, dark violet,  
but the observer will feel perfectly at home  
rest

Proceeding onward over the Cliff there is  
where the fresh air is perfect and the sea breeze

Another interesting view is the New Wall  
along the side of Sir John's Hill, that historic  
J. T. David. From one point the old church is

Worms Head is also seen to advantage

Among others are the T  
and other places, well laden with  
also heavily laden with their



[illegible]

Proceeding onward, about half a mile, he is to village of  
Broadway is reached where stand the ruins of Runcie Castle.  
The site of this castle is known. It is situated

However that may be, its appearance is a proof of being being strongly bad, and that I has experienced some fighting. From the mine there is a capital view of the part of Bugdop and the Forest Woods.

house, on the corner of a dirt shantybery and garden, in  
roadway NANKING, facing the street and the river down  
river.

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1012. This case, from the Indeterminata, has been

Сторона, не подавшая заявление, обязана возместить стороне, подавшей заявление, расходы на проведение экспертизы, а также связанные с ней расходы на проезд, проживание, питание и др. (ст. 27.5, 27.6 Закона).





Here one may revel in mountain scenery as we go on and on amidst the hundred and more little rocks and stones of many designs, carved by Nature itself as well as enjoy many

excursion for visitors to Pendine.

require any repairs. This bridge alone is worth a visit from Pendine.

There is also near by a tower of the interior of which there is no reliable information.

From here a pleasant walk may be taken as far as Marre

Another interesting walk or drive from Green Bridge walk

from where he views all round are glorious.

Behind is Pendine, with its hills; the sea and coast of peaks of the Preseli Mountains.

min Church, which was built about 1700

off from Egle  
is a Catholic Methodist.

enjoyed by visitors as well as residents

Should the visitor to Pond

may be,

There were in fact, two wrecks with eighteen wounds of

were saved. The remains of these ships attract many visitors

plenty of demand.

weather, dressed,

has, which

then known." There seems to be a great diff  
the sketches, which if

"A Rubber Tree." It is supposed to have  
been destroyed by lightning in 18

The New King.  
Cade to Sir Rhye as a reward or compensation for his  
in the battle of ... however, came into the  
Corporation

"The person  
which is well worth  
visit across the bay, give the visitor unbounded pleasure

passage from the cause under Island House to the  
31/800. For the accuracy of that there is no definite proof

Suffice it to say that although a reliable account of this  
event, lies in obscurity, still its ruins there to-day are a proof

Langhorne is able to hear of purchasing one of the

re had - by Sir Gen de Brion during the reign of

and crying out, and  
how often do we think,  
how of the trouble

organizing, British,  
from St. Clara, WI  
and purchase wholesale

they are an honest, upright, and industrious class of p

men men. These are the only  
like butterflies and bees busy

Visitors to Langhorne might rely on getting at all of  
in health and vigor.

Langhorne Castle  
the water's edge. A

tenanted during the summer months by Mr. Pow  
castle but some authors describe the operations as  
have been made in it

'Antiquities of Langhorne, p  
of it. One was dated 1716, another

visible across the bay, give the visitor  
evidence of neglect. The  
walls and on the spot that, were they able to speak, would

show a passage from the castle under Island House to

So far it is not that although a reliable account of this  
new castle is not forthcoming, and that its history, in some

means, of king and country, and is now a source of pleasure to  
many and others are on seeking and seeking their home

rather, so-called - by Sir Guy de Mornay during the reign of

back; had that.

outgoing members of the church, .

The mission  
failed, principally  
because the Flemings, and not a quarter century  
the church was replaced in 1877. The tower was  
The ring was dis-

as it is to be understood  
to be perpendicular. En

MI as Capital, in her "Advantages of

positions of the copolymers are the protons and methyls, methine, etc.

and on application to the station,  
and contain some interesting



Gloucester

T. Charles.

Langham and St. Clare.

leaving for New Zealand, where he died a few years ago.

Many other persons of note may be mentioned.

It is the more interesting to visit

two places where visitors and

scenery of Nature without limit dwell in peace.

It may be of interest to visitors  
holding public offices, positions, may be a

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